FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. *S. 320*
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TO:	The Honorable Michael L. Fair, Chairman, Senate Corrections and Penology Committee
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board
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SUBJECT:	Department of Corrections County Corrections	

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 320 amends Section 24-3-60 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by requiring the Department of Corrections to reimburse a county for the cost associated with housing a convict from the date in which the convict is sentenced to incarceration in a Department of Correction's facility and actual date in which the convict is transferred to said facility.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Corrections (SCDC)

The agency indicates that based upon the calendar year 2006, the statewide average lag time between an inmate being sentenced to a SCDC facility and that inmate's arrival to SCDC is eight (8) days. Based on that lag time and the number of inmates received into the SCDC system during 2006, the Department estimates there were 107,176 inmate days in county facilities where the county would be eligible for reimbursement. 2003 data obtained from the County Association shows the statewide average cost for the counties to be $38.44 per day. Assuming a 3% inflation rate that cost for 2007 may be estimated at approximately $43. Therefore, the cost associated with enactment of this Bill can be estimated $4,608,568 annually.

Judicial Department

Enactment would have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or Other Funds

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

See above estimates.

Approved by:

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